

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 4961–4969, were introduced. **Page H3720**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 450, relating to consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 107–518). **Page H3720**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaTourette to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3671**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the right Reverend John B. Lipscomb, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, Parrish, Florida. **Page H3671**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 18 by a yea-and-nay vote of 353 yeas to 42 nays with 1 voting "present," Roll No. 236. **Pages H3671, H3671–72**

Discharge Petition—Social Security Guarantee Plus Act: Pursuant to Clause 2 of rule XV, Representative Thurman moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of H.R. 3497, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to preserve and strengthen the Social Security Program through the creation of personal Social Security guarantee accounts ensuring full benefits for all workers and their families, restoring long-term Social Security solvency, and to make certain benefit improvements.

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Help America Vote Act: Rejected the Hastings of Florida motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act, that sought to (1) insist upon the provisions contained in section 504(a) of the House bill (relating to the effective date for the Federal minimum standards for State election systems); and (2) to disagree to the provisions contained in section 104(b) of the Senate amendment to the House bill (relating to a safe harbor from the enforcement of the Federal minimum standards for State election systems for States receiving Federal funds under the bill) by a yea-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 238. **Pages H3677–81, H3693**

National Sea Grant College Program Act Amendments: The House passed H.R. 3389, to re-

authorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act by a yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 237. **Pages H3683–93**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in H. Rept. 107–514 was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment in lieu of the amendments recommended by the Committees on Resource and Science now printed in the bill. **Page H3689**

Agreed To:

Jackson-Lee of Texas amendment that requires a report describing the efforts to ensure equal access for minority and disadvantaged students to the National Sea Grant College Fellowship program. **Pages H3690–92**

H. Res. 446, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. **Pages H3681–83**

Select Committee on Homeland Security: The House agreed to H. Res. 449, to establish the Select Committee on Homeland Security by voice vote. Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 449, the Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Select Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Arme y, Chairman, and Representatives DeLay, Watts of Oklahoma, Pryce, Portman, Pelosi, Frost, Menendez, and DeLauro. **Pages H3693–99**

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency re Weapons Usable Fissile Material in the Russian Federation: Message wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons—usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–228); **Page H3699**

National Emergency re Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction: Message wherein he transmitted a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the national emergency with respect to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–229); and **Page H3700**

Continuation of National Emergency re Weapons Usable Fissile Material in the Russian Federation: Message wherein he transmitted a notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to the accumulation of a large volume of weapons—usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation is to continue beyond June 21, 2002—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107–230). **Page H3700**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H3672–73.

Referrals: S. 2600 and S. Con. Res. 104 were held at the desk.

Recess: The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:04 p.m. **Page H3719**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3672, H3692–93, and H3693. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2003.

SOCIAL SECURITY; LONG-TERM BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Social Security: The Long-Term Budget Implications. Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 4013, Rare Diseases Act of 2002; Regulatory Reduction and Contracting Reform; H.R. 4961, Medicaid, Public Health, and Other Health Provisions; and H.R. 4962, Rural Health Care Improvements.

The Committee began consideration of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit.

Will continue tomorrow.

VACCINE SAFETY AND AUTISM

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on “The Status of Research Into Vaccine Safety and Autism.” Testimony was heard from Roger Bernier, Associate Director, Science, Office of Director, Center

for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Foreign Government Complicity in Human Trafficking: A Review of the State Department’s 2002 Trafficking in Persons Report. Testimony was heard from Paula Dobriansky, Under Secretary, Global Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

BURMA—RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Recent Developments in Burma. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Matthew Daley, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Karen Turner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau For Asia and the Near East, AID.

NATO AND ENLARGEMENT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on “NATO and Enlargement: A United States and NATO Perspective.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. European Command; and Ian Brzezinski, Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and NATO Affairs; and Robert A. Bradtke, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following measures: H. R. 4623, amended, Child Obscenity and Pornography Prevention Act of 2002; H.R. 4477, amended, Sex Tourism Prohibition Improvement Act of 2002; H.R. 4679, amended, Lifetime Consequences for Sex Offenders Act of 2002; H.R. 4858, to improve access to physicians in medically underserved areas; H. Res. 417, recognizing and honoring the career and work of Justice C. Clifton Young; and H.R. 4864, amended, Anti-Terrorism Explosives Act of 2002.

OVERSIGHT—INS’S INTERIOR ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on “The Immigration and Naturalization Service’s (INS’s) Interior Enforcement Strategy.” Testimony was heard from Joseph R. Greene, Assistant Commissioner, Investigations, INS, Department of Justice; Richard M. Stana, Director, Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.